

**PROTOCOLS, MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MAY 17, 2001**

Members Present:

Dr. Richard Thomas, Janine Anderson, Dr. Steven Curry, Dr. Charles Finch, Sue Kern, Dr. Jane Lee, Terence Mason, and Terry Shine

Members Absent:

Patricia Ellis, Dr. John Gallagher, Marc Holyfield, Rob Jarvis, and P. Dean Wright

Guests Present:

Dr. Toni Brophy and Mark Venuti

BEMS Staff Present:

Larry Bednarek, Don Decker, Dr. Garth Gemar, Larry Lorenzen, Dona Markley, Karen Nelson, and Susan Nicolas

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Richard Thomas called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Three new members were introduced: Dr. Jane Lee, Terence K. Mason and Terry Shine.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Janine Anderson pointed out that on Page 3, Section VI, Subsection A-2, the word "Nalmefene" should be "Naloxone." With that one correction, the minutes were approved.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr. Thomas had nothing new to report.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action on Guidance Documents for Treatment Protocols - There were no items submitted for Committee action.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on Naloxone Shortage and March 30, 2001 Addition of Nalmefene to the ALS Drug Box for use of Naloxone is not Available - Dr. Thomas stated that now there seems to be a dosage-form shortage of Naloxone in the field instead of a complete shortage. Several members of the Committee confirmed that statement.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Use of Epinephrine in SVN's for Pediatric Patients - Dr. Brophy put together a draft flow chart titled "Mesa Fire Department Protocol for Pediatric Dyspnea Stridor or Wheezing" which she distributed to the Committee Members and went over for the Committee's benefit. A

discussion of the document ensued. Janine Anderson pointed out that along with the use of Albuterol, it might be more complete if Dr. Brophy added "and consider Ipratropium" to the Box "Assess for Presence of Wheezing, Stridor at Rest, Nasal Flaring, Grunting, Retraction, and/or Tachypnea" located under the Box "Administer Albuterol 2.5 mg diluted to 3cc NS via SVN." It was also suggested that somewhere in the document should be noted that these protocols are for EMT-Is and Paramedics. Dr. Brophy agreed with both of these corrections and would add them into the final draft. Dr. Finch motioned with a second by Janine Anderson to approve these Protocols with the two corrections. Motion carried.

- B. Consideration of Alternative Paralytic Agents, including Rocuronium and Succinylcholine, for RSI/MAI Pilot Project** - Dr. Thomas told the Committee that Raplon has been pulled from the market so, to keep the pilot project going, an alternative drug must be found. A discussion ensued and the drug succinylcholine was decided to be the best alternative. Dr. Curry motioned, Sue Kern seconded, to continue RSI/MAI Pilot Project using succinylcholine as an alternative to Raplon. Motion carried.

A motion by Dr. Curry with a second by Sue Kern for Dr. Gemar to research dosage requirements for succinylcholine and present to the Medical Direction Commission was presented. Motion carried.

- C. Use of Pericardiocentesis for Paramedics** - Dr. Gemar presented a letter the Bureau received from Dr. Matthew Frankel who is the Prehospital Medical Director for the Yavapai Regional Medical Center in Prescott that requested authorization to train and utilize pericardiocentesis for his paramedics. A discussion on this procedure ensued and a motion by Terry Shine, seconded by Dr. Finch, was presented to not recommend the procedure to MDC. Motion carried.
- D. Glendale Fire Department's Proposed Treat and Release Pilot** - Because the issue is unclear as presented, Dr. Gemar will in the future put together a better document that will more clearly present this issue and at that time get it to the members of this Committee for their review.
- E. Lipids in TPN** - The PMT Ambulance Service requested from the Bureau that TPN includes Lipids. Dr. Gemar presented this issue and a discussion ensued. It was decided that Dr. Gemar would go back to PMT and clear up this issue. No action by the Committee is required.
- F. Discussion and Action on Combitube** - It was decided that this issue needs clarification so it was tabled until the next meeting.

VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC
None to report.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the PMD Committee is scheduled for September 27, 2001 at 1:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Approved by the PMD Committee on 9/27/01